



## IDEM

### Who is IDEM?

- The Indiana Department of Environmental Management was established in 1986 to oversee and implement federal and state regulations regarding the environment.
- IDEM is primarily a regulatory agency. It issues permits and pursues enforcement action when violations occur that would harm the health of Indiana's air, land and water.
- Various non-regulatory programs are designed to assist businesses with operating in an environmentally-sound manner.
- Numerous educational and financial programs help Hoosier groups, including local government, business, education and agriculture sectors.
- IDEM provides training and expert advice on environmental issues, grants and low interest loans, and it has created several recognition programs.

### What are IDEM's four main program areas?

- The Office of Air Quality (OAQ) works to safeguard the quality of Indiana's air by implementing the requirements of the Clean Air Act, developing state rules governing air quality standards, evaluating and issuing permits for construction and operation, monitoring Indiana's air quality and conducting compliance activities.
- The Office of Land Quality (OLQ) is charged with protecting public health and the environment by assuring planning for, and the proper handling and disposal of, wastes in Indiana; protecting the public in the event of chemical spills and other environmental emergencies; and addressing short and long-term cleanup projects at contaminated sites throughout the state.
- The Office of Water Quality (OWQ) fulfills its responsibilities as set forth in the Clean Water Act by assessing the quality of surface water and groundwater through biological and chemical testing; regulating and monitoring drinking water supplies (including wellhead protection), wastewater treatment facilities and the construction of such facilities; and protecting wetlands for proper drainage, flood protection and wildlife habitat.
- The Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance (OPPTA) works to develop and foster an emphasis on environmentally and economically sound approaches to achieve environmental results. This includes proactively providing resources for source reduction, re-use and recycling, voluntary compliance and pollution prevention. OPPTA encourages environmental results through various grant opportunities, public recognition awards such as the various "Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence," broad-based educational programs and technical assistance.

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